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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A one-month extension of time, extending the period for response to January 24, 2003, is requested in an accompanying petition.

IN THE ABSTRACT

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), Attachment C contains marked up versions of the replacement paragraph illustrating the newly introduced changes in the abstract.

On page 30, starting on line 5, please replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract:

A system and method for managing the use and access of digital data objects. According to the invention, control rights associated with a digital data object activate an external control object and an intercept application to intercept and monitor communications between a hosting application and a document server application associated with the creation of the digital data object. These intercepting and monitoring functions are performed without

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